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Mr. Pirch, teacher
Mr. Smith, teacher

Special Note:

Thanksgiving break is
November 28 and 29.

Second quarter ends
December 19th

Winter Break is December
23—January 6

Students can always work at
home on online sites such as
Empower3000 and PEC Laurus
math.

Journalism

Mr. Wade
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Rep. Gosar Visits PEC

On November 5, 2013, Congressman Gosar visited Payson Education Center. He spoke to students about several issues, including fiscal responsibility and his priorities in office.

Leading up to his visit, Rep. Gosar said, "After hearing from staff who toured the Payson Education Center, I'm excited to see firsthand the innovative way that they're educating tomorrow's leaders."

Mr. Pirch's social studies classes had several questions prepared and

ready to ask. Student Anna Lymer stated that she liked how Rep. Gosar spoke well of President Clinton's and Speaker Newt Gingrich's ability to work together. "It impressed me that he was able to say good things about President Clinton even though he [Gosar] is a Republican."

Sophomore John Shepherd stated that he would rather have Rep. Gosar as president because he listens to people. At the end of his visit, Rep. Gosar passed out copies of the Constitution to students.



Taco Tuesday: A Review

By Bethie Blanchard

Recently, members of the journalism class went to Sal and Teresa's Mexican Restaurant for their Taco Tuesday special.

When we walked in to Sal and Theresa's, it was very colorful. The service was good, and the waitress was very friendly. She consistently addressed Bethie as "cutie."

The chips were very good. There was a mix of chips with tradition corn and a flour that seemed to be deep fried. But the salsa wasn't very appealing.

The chicken tacos were very good, but the beef tacos were not very

appetizing. There was barely any flavoring in the meat. If I were to change anything it would be to spice up their dishes a little more.

Also, we would recommend a more lively style of music.



Sal and Teresa's is located at 1111 S. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona 85541

Tips to Prevent Sickness

1. It's important to blow your nose regularly when you have a cold rather than sniffing mucus back into your head.
<http://www.webmd.com/>
2. CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
<http://www.cdc.gov>
3. Try to avoid close contact with sick people <http://www.cdc.gov>
4. Wash your hands. It might be cliché, but good hygiene goes a long way.
<http://www.motherearthliving.com/>
5. Keep your hands off your face! Cold and flu germs enter the body most easily through mucus membranes around the nose, eyes, and mouth, so keeping your hands away from these areas will lower your chances of getting sick.
<http://www.motherearthliving.com/>
6. With cold and flu season in full swing, everyone is in search of relief, and Sunkist oranges can help keep your immune system in optimal condition during the pesky cold and flu season
<http://www.sunkist.com/>

Tips researched and compiled by
Lahana Christenson

Strawberry & Star Valley Side by Side

Strawberry

Strawberry is the best place to live because it is more like a home than the big town called Payson. You have the privacy a home should have, and up here we all know each other very well. It's not very crowded, and there is enough room for everyone to have at least an acre for a yard of privacy. I can

name everyone that lives down my street.

Living in Strawberry, I get to be closer to Mother Nature. Imagine waking up on a Sunday morning thinking, "I want to go fishing," and instead of having to go for a drive I can just walk down the street, fish, and catch an 8-pound largemouth bass.

The only downside to living in Strawberry some people

might say is that it is

20 miles out of town, and most people work and go to school in Payson. I like it. I don't mind the drive, except when it is late at night. Strawberry has anything you need and offers anything to satisfy your happiness except a gas station, but you can just drive three miles down the hill and get some.

By Chelsey Neuman

Star Valley

Star Valley is the best place to live because it is small and cozy, with a population of about 2,900 people.

Everybody is friendly and we know each other very well. You can't forget about the beautiful view. There are trees and mountains, and at night you can see the stars so well.

Star Valley is a safe town because we have privacy, and we don't have to worry about being robbed or anything dangerous. With living in Star Valley, it is only 4 miles out of town, but when you enter the city limit you feel like you're a lot further than those 4 miles.

With not being a big town, there are quite a few stores, such as a pawn shop, auto

shops, gas stations, furniture stores, and so much more.

By Bethany Blanchard



Photo from Star Valley's Official Web Site

Why?

I have chosen to attend Payson Education Center, a school for success. Last year I attended another school and deeply regretted it.

This year I found the opportunity to attend a different school without having to move out of the

area. Payson Education Center is where my sisters had recently attended and told me how much they loved it, I decided to give it a try.

Now that I am a current student I can agree with my sisters. I get work done at my own pace with no

problems. I can actually get it done faster than usual, I love it! This school has a great set of educators that have already taught me more than I thought I could learn at my own pace.

Thank you P.E.C for becoming an option for me and saving my high school life.

By Lahana Christenson